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ATTN: COMMENTS ON DOCKET 92-235

CONSIDER POSTPONEMENT OR PHASE IN OF THESE RULES.

THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES IN FCC DOCKET 92-235 HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF HARMING THE RADIO COVERAGE OF MANY OF THE POLICE AND FIRE AGENCIES IN RURAL AMERICA. BECAUSE OF FUNDING AND NEED MANY OF THESE AGENCIES ARE JUST NOW ATTAINING COVERAGE OF THEIR JURISDICTION. COVERAGE WHICH YOUR PROPOSED RULES WOULD ELIMINATE.

THE OBVIOUS NEED FOR MORE RADIO CHANNELS IN THE METROPOLITAN AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES CAN NOT BE IGNORED. HOWEVER, TO IGNORE THE NEEDS OF THE SMALL AGENCIES WITH LIMITED FUNDING WOULD BE JUST AS BAD.

THE NEED TO GIVE THESE AGENCIES A REASONABLE TIME IN WHICH TO PLAN AND FUND THE CHANGES NECESSITATED BY FCC 92-235 IS ONE WHICH YOU CAN ADDRESS.

IT WOULD SEEM UNJUSTIFIED TO REQUIRE THESE RURAL AGENCIES WHICH ARE EXPERIENCING NO PROBLEMS IN FREQUENCY ALLOCATION TO CHANGE JUST BECAUSE THE USERS IN MORE POPULATED AREAS ARE